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## Mt. Diablo school board approves 48.7 million in cuts, 200 pink slips and bond measure

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CONCORD — The Mt. Diablo school board on Tuesday agreed to cut \$48.7 million through 2013, to send out 200 pink slips and to move forward with a \$348 million facilities bond measure in June.

The cuts included \$31 million to be negotiated by reducing the school year and other reductions in benefits, as well as \$8.4 million from special education, \$4.5 million from programs such as adult education, \$3.6 million from reducing school office support staff hours and \$1.2 million through reducing graduation requirements and summer school.

Trustees agreed to place a \$348 million bond measure on the June ballot to help fund solar projects and facilities improvements, based on polling that showed at least 55 percent of voters would support it, enabling it to pass.

The board also voted unanimously to approve about 200 pink slips for certificated teachers and administrators who may be laid-off at the end of the school year. Trustees said they may be over-notifying employees, because they must let them know by March 15 if they will not be employed in the district next year.

They stressed that the notices are preliminary and will be finalized when the district has a better idea of the final state budget in May.

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